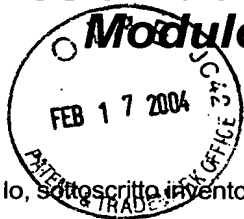


Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

Modulo di Dichiarazione Per Domanda di Brevetto

Italian Language Declaration



Io, sottoscritto inventore, dichiaro con il presente che:

Il mio domicilio, recapito postale e cittadinanza sono quelli indicati in calce accanto al mio nome,

Che mi reputo in buona fede essere l'inventore originario, primo e unico (qualora un solo nominativo appaia elencato appresso) o il coinventore (qualora i nominativi siano piu' di uno) primo e originario dell'invenzione da me rivendicata, e per la quale faccio domanda di brevetto. Tale invenzione é chiamata

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☐ qui acclusa.

☐ E' stata presentata il _____ as

Come Domanda Numero _____

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Dichiaro inoltre con il presente di aver letto e compreso il contenuto della specificazione sopra indicata, comprese le rivendicazioni, come rettificata da qualsiasi emendamento a cui si sia accennato sopra.

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

"DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MACHINING

CONNECTING RODS, AND CONNECTING RODS

SO PRODUCED"

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on September 12, 2003

as Application No. 10/661,330

and was amended on _____
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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Prior foreign applications

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Priorit  Rivendicata

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Yes No
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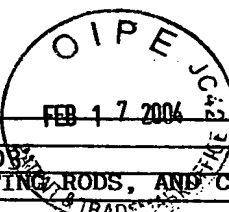
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Serial or Patent No.: 10/661,330 Docket No. PIANA ET AL 1
Filed: September 12, 2003
For: "DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MACHINING CONNECTING RODS, AND CONNECTING RODS SO PRODUCED"

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c))-SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf
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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled "Device and method for machining connecting rods, and connecting rods so produced" by inventor(s)

Messrs Stefano PIANA and Daniele PEDERZINI

described in

- ☐ the specification filed herewith.
☒ application serial no. 10/661,330, filed September 12, 2003.
☐ patent no. _____, issued _____.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). NOTE: Separate verified statements are required form each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

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